



**MIAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
MIAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2013 8:00 A.M.  
GAR ROOM–MIAMI COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

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**MINUTES**

The Miami County Solid Waste District held a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, August 19, 2013 at 8:00 A.M. in the GAR Room in the Miami County Courthouse, located at 25 North Broadway, Peru, Indiana.

**Attending:**

**Board Members:** Don Morris–Chairman–Town of Converse, Tom Gustin–Vice–Chairman–Peru City Council Representative, Larry West–member–County Commissioner, Jerry Hamman–member–County Commissioner, Joshua Francis–member–County Commissioner, Shirley Mull–member–Miami County Council Representative

**Staff Attending:** Samantha Ward–Executive Director, Carla Weaver–Assistant Director/Recording Secretary

**Others:** Pat Roberts–Legal Counsel, Jeff Barnes–Contractor for the District, Ron Dausch–Contractor for the District, Jen Rankin–Wabash Co. SWMD Director

**Absent:** Jim Walker–member–Mayor of Peru

**Call to Order:** Chairman Don Morris called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Board members reviewed the meeting minutes from the July 15, 2013 Board of Directors meeting. *Mr. Gustin motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Mr. West seconded. Motion carried (6–0).*

**Approval of Financial Report and Claims:**

- Ms. Ward reported there were two refund checks issued (Nathaniel Mongosa and Shirley Heckathorn) for double payments received for the 2013 Solid Waste Assessment.
- Ms. Ward reported that the July Tire Day served 117 people and 1.515 tires were taken in for disposal.
- Ms. Ward reported the bill for the Peru Tribune was for the legal ads that are required to run for the budget hearings.

*Mr. Francis motioned to approve the financial report and claims; Mr. West seconded. Motion carried (6–0).*

**Director's Report**

- Ms. Ward reminded the board of the upcoming budget hearings and requested that some members of attend.
- Ms. Ward reported that researching the process of establishing a facility is moving forward. More questions come up as more research is being done. In order to be as thorough as possible, she is attempting to get as much information as possible before making a final

report. She stated that after reviewing several other districts, Wabash County's program and facility are the closest to what the Miami County district could use the most. She thanked Jen Rankin from the Wabash County Solid Waste District for attending the meeting to be available for any questions from the board.

- Ms. Ward noted to the board there *could be* some changes to the current programs.

#### **Old Business**

- Pat Roberts presented a resolution to the board establishing a banking depository for funds received in the collection of delinquent accounts. The account would be located at Beacon Credit Union. The board's attorney and the executive director would be authorized to write checks individually on the account. The present signature holders are Patrick Roberts and Samantha Ward. The account will be used to hold funds collected by the courts or litigation proceeds and to distribute the funds for payment to respective entities.

*Mr. Francis motioned to adopt Resolution #2013. Mr. Gustin seconded. Motion carried (6-0).*

#### **Public Comment:**

- Board members asked Ms. Rankin about how some of their programs work. She answered various questions. Ms. Rankin mentioned their location is under video surveillance after hours, and the county has a dumping ordinance.
- Wabash County's special assessment is collected on the spring property tax bills. Mr. Roberts felt we were better off collecting the bills in house. Ms. Rankin stated it helped the public's perception of the district when you are able to give upset people a short tour to show them the actual programs in action and the recycling that is taking place.
- Mr. Dausch expressed concern with changing the programs and also being able to operate a facility. He distributed a prepared statement to board members for review.
- Mr. West asked about the amount of recycling being done in the county. Ms. Ward replied that our total tons of recycling have increased every year. She will furnish the board with a total recycling tonnage report at the next board meeting.

#### **Next Board Meeting:**

**Monday, September 16, 2013 at 8 A.M.**

**Adjournment:** *Adjournment was unanimous.*

Carla Weaver, Recording Secretary

Don Morris, Board Chairman